

outcome of an election to Federal office or the outcome of an election to a State or local public office.

(c) *Contracts or collective bargaining agreements.* A project that receives assistance under this chapter shall not impair existing contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements.

§ 2506.6 Standards of conduct.

Programs that receive assistance under this chapter shall establish and stringently enforce standards of conduct at the program site to promote proper moral and disciplinary conditions.

§ 2506.7 Treatment of benefits.

Living allowances and post-service benefits provided to individuals participating in programs under this chapter shall not be considered as income for the purposes of determining eligibility for and the amount of income transfer and in-kind aid furnished under any Federal or federally assisted program based on need, other than programs under the Social Security Act.

§ 2506.8 Program evaluation.

(a) *General.* The Commission has broad responsibility for the continuing evaluation of programs receiving assistance under this chapter. In turn, program participants, States, and local grantees have the responsibility to provide information to the Commission as required by the Commission in order to evaluate programs and projects funded under this chapter. State and local grantees may be required to assist in the selection of, and collection of information about, control groups of individuals who are not selected to participate in funded programs.

(b) Standards for the evaluation of program effectiveness. (1) All funded programs will be evaluated based on their effectiveness in achieving any or all of the goals of this chapter.

(2) Specific evaluation standards for each of these broad goals will be established by the Commission and made available to funded programs and the public.

(c) Program objectives. Programs receiving funds under part 2504 will be evaluated to determine their effectiveness in:

(1) Recruiting and enrolling diverse participants in such programs based on economic background, race, ethnicity, gender, age, marital status, education levels, and ability and disability;

(2) Promoting the educational achievement of each participant based on earning a high school diploma or its equivalent and the future enrollment and completion of increasingly higher levels of education;

(3) Encouraging each participant to engage in public and community service after completing of the program based on career choices and service in other service programs such as VISTA, the Peace Corps, the military, and part-time volunteer service;

(4) Promoting positive attitudes among each participant regarding the participant's role in solving community problems, ability to improve the lives of others, sense of responsibilities as a citizen and community member, and other factors;

(5) Enabling participants to finance a lesser portion of their higher education through student loans;

(6) Providing services and projects that benefit the community;

(7) Supplying additional volunteer assistance to community agencies without overloading such agencies with more volunteers than can be utilized effectively;

(8) Providing service and activities that could not otherwise be performed by employed workers and that will not supplant the hiring of, or result in the displacement of, employed workers or impair the existing contracts of such workers; and

(9) Attracting a greater number of citizens to public service, including service in the active and reserve components of the Armed Forces, the National Guard, the Peace Corps, VISTA, and the Older American Volunteer Programs.

(d) The Commission shall keep confidential the information acquired about individual participants or members of control groups from evaluations under paragraph (c) of this section.

§ 2506.9 Treatment of living allowances.

Living allowances received under this chapter shall not be considered in